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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Hisano et al. )


Serial No.: 10/798,067 )

Filed: March 11, 2004 )

For: Closed Annular Sealing Material and  
Method for Manufacturing Same )

) Group Art Unit: 3676  
) Examiner: Vishal A. Patel

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Claims 1, 10, 13, 14, and 19 were rejected in an Office Action dated December 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the instant application. In response to the Office Action, please consider the remarks provided herein and editorially amend the above-identified patent application, as follows: